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AGRICULTURE AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952

Farmers' Marketings: Country Elevator and Platform Loadings: (1)			CROP YEAR 1951 (1 Aug. 1951- 31 July, 1952)	CROP YEAR 1952 (1 Aug. 1952- 31 July, 1953	CROP YEAR 1952 (5 Mos. Ending 30 Dec., 1952)	CROP YEAR 1953 (5 Mos. Ending 30 Dec., 1953)	PERCENTAGE INC. %	PERCENTAGE DEC. %
WHEAT		Bushels.	132,433,000	137,776,000	66,406,000	62,608,000		5.72
OTHER GRAINS		Bushels.	90,886,000	102,981,000	51,407,000	35,508,000		30.93
Oats		Bushels.	41,383,000	37,318,000	16,740,000	13,548,000		19.07
Barley		Bushels.	44,738,000	59,237,000	30,519,000	18,832,000		38.29
Rye		Bushels.	3,690,000	4,578,000	2,648,000	1,676,000		36.71
Flaxseed		Bushels.	1,075,000	1,848,000	1,500,000	1,452,000		3.20
			1952 (12 Mos.)	1953 (12 Mos.)	INCREASE (12 Mos.)	DECREASE (12 Mos.)	PERCENTAGE INC.%	PERCENTAGE DEC.%
Flour Mills (8 firms) -	Gross Sales -	$.	29,489,375	29,740,477	251,102		.85	
	Production -	Barrels.	3,578,050	3,410,097		167.953		4.69
		Value $.	31,806,469	33,411,361	1,604,892		5.05	
Creamery Butter (2) -	Production -	Lbs .	27,647,221	29,993,363	2,346,142		8.49	
		Value $.	16,336,745	17,546,118	1,209,373		7.40	
Factory Cheese (2) -	Production -	Lbs .	2,022,391	2,789,608	767,217		37.94	
		Value $.	695,702	913,596	217,894		31.32	
Dairy Factories -	Gross Sales -	$.	34,737,897	38,283,688	3,545,791		10.21	

(1) Source: Grain Statistics Weekly, D.B.S.

(2) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952

			1 9 5 2 (12 Mos.)	1 9 5 3 (12 Mos.)	INCREASE	DECREASE	PERCENTAGE INC.%	PERCENTAGE DEC.%
Packing Plants	Gross Sales	$.	118,308,039	115,975,555		2,332,484		1.97
	Production - Meat -	Lbs.	272,533,793	292,648,801	20,115,008		7.38	
		Value $.	83,262,700	86,370,151	3,107,451		3.73	
	Exports - Cattle	- No. of Hd.	25,946	2,374		23,572		90.85
		Value $.	5,424,805	383,622		5,041,183		92.93
	Calves	- No. of Hd.	3,315	1,999		1,316		39.70
		Value $.	223,412	106,031		117,381		52.54
	Sheep & Lambs	- No. of Hd.	6,670	395		6,275		94.08
		Value $.	154,288	7,387		146,901		95.21
	Swine	- No. of Hd.	72,385	53,546		18,839		26.03
		Value $.	2,906,313	2,438,179		468,134		16.11
	Meat	- No. of Lbs.	137,653,730	145,476,834	7,823,104		5.68	
		Value $.	42,132,292	43,198,441	1,066,149		2.53	
LIVE STOCK MARKETINGS: (1)								
	Cattle	- No. of Hd.	382,637	471,634	88,997		23.26	
		Value $.	77,362,180	72,873,847		4,488,333		5.80
	Calves	- No. of Hd.	84,332	113,676	29,344		34.80	
		Value $.	5,672,506	6,252,260	579,754		10.22	
	Swine	- No. of Hd.	1,362,142	1,432,438	70,296		5.16	
		Value $.	54,406,582	65,105,558	10,698,976		19.66	
	Sheep & Lambs	- No. of Hd.	133,086	112,523		20,563		15.45
		Value $.	2,824,543	2,126,845		697,698		24.70
EXPORTS: (2)								
	Horses	- No. of Hd.	1,923	4,023	2,100		109.20	
		Value $.	97,224	224,122	126,898		130,52	
	Cattle	- No. of Hd.	153,915	219,450	65,535		42.58	
		Value $.	30,670,339	33,905,394	3,235,055		10.55	

(1) Source: Commercial Livestock Output Report - December Volume 23, Number 12, Dept. of Agriculture - Ottawa - (Number of head only)
(2) Source: Livestock Branch - Alberta Dept. of Agriculture - (Number of head only)

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952

				1952 (12 Mos.)	1953 (12 Mos.)	INCREASE	DECREASE	PERCENTAGE INC.%	 DEC.%
Coal (11 months)	(1)	Production	Tons.	6,444,887	5,237,005		1,207,882		18.74
			Value $.	35,903,402	28,450,794		7,452,608		20.76
Salt		Production	Tons.	24,388	24,903	515		2.11	
Petroleum Products Refined-		Gross Sales	$.	109,623,572	118,815,888	9,192,316		8.39	
Propane		Production	Gallons.	11,818,838	15,157,881	3,339,043		28.25	
		Sales	Gallons.	12,324,888	15,593,377	3,268,489		26.52	
Butane		Production	Gallons.	4,907,969	6,944,040	2,036,071		41.49	
		Sales	Gallons.	2,781,493	3,551,072	769,579		27.67	
Sulphur		Production	Tons.	8,932	18,295	9,363		104,83	
		Sales	Tons.	4,225	16,075	11,850		-	-
Clay Products		Gross Sales	$.	3,628,279	3,757,780	129,501		3.57	
Cement & Cement Products		Gross Sales	$.	12,178,836	16,230,872	4,052,036		33.27	
Cement		Production	Barrels.	1,906,677	3,123,085	1,216,408		63.80	
			Value $.	4,812,579	7,981,713	3,169,134		65.85	
Lime		Gross Sales	$.	518,044	556,511	38,467		7.43	
		Production	Tons .	34,306	28,807		5,499		16.03
			Value $.	479,692	378,972		100,720		21.00

★ Figures not comparable: Sales began in June, 1952.

(1) Source: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

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MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952

				1951 (12 Mos.)	1952 (12 Mos.)	1952 (11 Mos.)	1953 (11 Mos.)	PERCENTAGE (11 MOS.)	
								INC.%	DEC.%
Petroleum	(1)	Production	Barrels.	45,915,384	58,915,723	53,335,251	69,202,290	29.75	
		Value of Sales	$.	115,809,221	139,657,915	122,702,541	173,120,111	41.09	
Natural Gas	(1)	Production	M.C.F.	85,380,121	95,697,432	85,171,683	100,668,653	18.19	
Petroleum-Crude & Refined	(2)	Imports	Gallons.	37,775,684	58,889,974	52,755,694	63,527,139	20.42	
		Exports	Gallons	1,210,574,465	1,573,143,989	1,439,036,659	1,747,920,138	21.46	
Petroleum Products Refined	(2)	Production	Gallons.	551,362,978	682,094,238	621,759,794	638,421,806	2.68	
		Imports	Gallons.	5,383,642	10,509,239	9,336,024	15,676,554	67.91	
		Exports	Gallons.	162,117,937	184,651,859	154,681,082	145,802,396		5.74
Natural Gasoline	(1)	Production	Barrels.	515,027	579,873	519,754	541,487	4.18	
		Value of Sales	$.	1,663,854	1,662,514	1,491,144	1,587,772	6.48	

(1) Source: Alberta Oil and Gas Industry, November, Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.

(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

GENERAL STATISTIC - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952

			1 9 5 2 (12 Mos.)	1 9 5 3 (12 Mos.)	INCREASE	DECREASE	PERCENTAGE INC.%	PERCENTAGE DEC.%
Forestry (Crown Lands)	- Production	Lumber-ft.b.m.	408,645,000	409,500,000	855,000		.21	
	Value	$.	16,345,800	16,380,000	34,200		.21	
Total Value of Lumber and Other Forestry Products		$.	19,946,000	19,980,000	34,000		.17	
Fisheries (9 Mos.)	- Production (1)	Lbs.	6,770,040	8,103,270	1,333,230		19.69	
	Value	$.	655,975	732,247	76,272		11.63	
Fur (Wild Life)	- Trapped	No. of Pelts .	2,021,690	1,492,729		528,961		26.16
	Value	$.	1,751,874	1,447,172		304,702		17.39
Wholesale Trade	- Gross Sales	$.	539,677,517	575,244,437	35,566,920		6.59	
Machine Companies	- Gross Sales	$.	80,914,094	73,909,805		7,004,289		8.66
Miscellaneous Machinery Service & Supplies	- Gross Sales	$.	108,795,460	95,156,487		13,638,973		12.54
Bank Clearings		$.	3,594,105,352	3,975,399,094	381,293,742		10.61	

PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952

			1 9 5 1 (12 Mos.)	1 9 5 2 (12 Mos.)	1 9 5 2 (11 Mos.)	1 9 5 3 (11 Mos.)	PERCENTAGE(11 Mos.) INC.%	PERCENTAGE(11 Mos.) DEC.%
Retail Trade	- Gross Sales (2)	$.	854,785,000	944,123,000	850,352,000	882,109,000	3.73	
New Motor Vehicles	- Gross Sales (3)	No.	36,958	41,189	37,761	40,312	6.76	
	Value	$.	88,715,064	103,107,790	94,543,256	100,598,432	6.40	
Bank Debits (4)		$.	6,241,574,585	7,857,888,767	7,110,834,000	8,242,454,000	15.91	
Customs' Duty Receipts (Jan.-Oct. inclusive)		$.	10,990,155	14,835,809	11,798,476	14,608,262	23.81	
Electric Power	- Consumption (5)	K.W.Hrs.	1,021,077,000	1,163,293,000	1,044,600,000	1,188,387,000	13.76	

(1) Source: Fish and Game branch; Department of Lands and Forests, Alberta.
(2) Source: Retail Trade Vol. XXV, No. 11, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: New Motor Vehicle Sales and Motor Vehicle Financing, Vol. XXV, No. 11, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(4) Source: Cheques Cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 30, No. 11, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(5) Source: Central Electric Stations, Vol. 21, 1953, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

CONSTRUCTION - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952

BUILDING PERMITS:		1952 (12 Mos.)	1953 (12 Mos.)	INCREASE	DECREASE	PERCENTAGE INC.%	PERCENTAGE DEC.%
CALGARY	Number	5,330	4,972		358		6.72
	Value $.	52,796,622	42,121,154		10,675,468		20.22
EDMONTON	Number	5,967	7,085	1,118		18.74	
	Value $.	37,066,526	55,023,816	17,957,290		48.45	
LETHBRIDGE	Number	734	709		25		3.41
	Value $.	4,741,855	7,429,441	2,687,586		56.68	
MEDICINE HAT	Number	496	474		22		4.44
	Value $.	2,351,585	3,960,220	1,608,635		68.41	
RED DEER	Number	328	393	65		19.82	
	Value $.	2,275,801	3,885,250	1,609,449		70.72	
DRUMHELLER	Number	53	65	12		22.64	
	Value $.	287,740	133,045		154,695		53.76
WETASKIWIN	Number	106	134	28		26.42	
	Value $.	565,000	1,279,840	714,840		126.52	
TOTAL - (7 CITIES)	NUMBER	13,014	13,832	818		6.29	
	VALUE $.	100,085,129	113,832,766	13,747,637		13.74	

CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA: (1)		1951 (12 Mos.)	1952 (12 Mos.)	1952 (11 Mos.)	1953 (11 Mos.)	PERCENTAGE (11 Mos.) INC.%	PERCENTAGE (11 Mos.) DEC.%
RESIDENTIAL	Number	3,945	5,095	4,846	6,624	36.69	
	Value $.	37,423,200	55,240,100	52,610,100	73,912,800	50.00	
BUSINESS	Number	724	773	732	841	14.89	
	Value	53,655,000	56,964,900	55,298,200	58,241,200	5.32	
INDUSTRIAL	Number	75	95	84	113	34.52	
	Value $.	53,207,700	32,718,200	32,558,200	7,272,100		77.66
ENGINEERING	Number	275	206	201	329	63.68	
	Value $.	38,789,200	87,409,000	87,157,700	64,027,800		26.54
TOTAL - - -	NUMBER	5,019	6,169	5,863	7,907	34.86	
	VALUE $.	183,075,100	232,332,200	227,624,200	208,453,900		8.42

(1) Source: Building Reporter, December, 1953, published by Maclean Building Reports Limited

BUILDING PERMITS

1953 AS COMPARED WITH 1952 - 90 MUNICIPALITIES - ALBERTA

1952			1953	
No.	Amount $		No.	Amount $
12,978	100,106,624	CITIES (7)	13,832	113,832,766
5,330	52,796,622	Calgary	4,972	42,121,154
5,967	37,066,526	Edmonton	7,085	55,023,816
733	4,741,855	Lethbridge	709	7,429,441
461	2,373,080	Medicine Hat	474	3,960,220
328	2,275,801	Red Deer	393	3,885,250
53	287,740	Drumheller	65	133,045
106	565,000	Wetaskiwin	134	1,279,840
3,420	13,171,780	OTHER MUNICIPALITIES (83)	4,165	21,757,647
32	91,900	Athabasca	37	192,400
14	33,000	Barrhead	23	94,950
8	15,900	Bashaw	5	6,800
4	22,100	Bassano	3	13,350
19	53,300	Beaverlodge	16	32,800
100	438,150	Beverly	269	1,165,951
4	1,850	Black Diamond	9	7,550
14	105,400	Blairmore	17	11,575
32	168,800	Bonnyville	54	438,400
30	21,820	Bow Island	72	352,750
40	232,000	Brooks	48	231,375
273	1,152,168	Camrose	258	2,012,448
33	133,250	Cardstone	16	47,600
13	12,050	Carstairs	4	14,200
9	29,700	Castor	25	202,150
43	278,750	Claresholm	42	329,550
40	23,360	Coleman	19	31,460
4	19,000	Coronation	1	9,000
6	13,000	Crossfield	5	16,000
9	46,600	Daysland	25	74,600
11	70,600	Devon	8	56,710
18	94,850	Didsbury	21	359,000
47	366,375	Edson	95	404,850
9	32,200	Elk Point	15	68,800
40	134,605	Fairview	37	107,000
4	76,000	Falher	2	8,000

1952			1953	
No.	Amount $		No.	Amount $
97	297,100	Forest Lawn	194	575,300
24	99,450	Fort Macleod	25	237,775
58	590,900	Ft. Saskatchewan	49	841,623
12	7,170	Gleichen	7	27,700
151	786,789	Grande Prairie	160	526,687
23	81,775	Hanna	39	297,900
19	92,950	Hardisty	3	7,500
65	74,700	High Prairie	36	307,080
37	130,245	High River	31	484,000
15	49,600	Holden	19	84,100
17	46,950	Innisfail	44	131,990
531	1,041,250	Jasper Place	596	1,884,825
5	29,000	Killam	7	81,500
13	73,900	Lac la Biche	23	244,060
71	253,450	Lacombe	94	358,975
3	12,250	Lamont	9	51,700
40	234,200	Leduc	43	107,225
213	900,513	Lloydminster	216	851,303
24	30,490	McLennan	24	15,495
10	90,996	Magrath	5	54,325
27	133,210	Mannville	19	35,245
13	35,700	Milk River	8	27,787
15	41,300	Mirror	12	16,100
12	32,550	Morinville	13	44,300
26	63,200	Mundare	24	13,685
30	23,150	Okotoks	24	29,355
50	221,900	Olds	39	138,530
5	4,400	Oyen	14	19,500
66	699,300	Peace River	61	260,500
35	85,550	Pincher Creek	33	216,075
123	344,060	Ponoka	147	670,660
8	18,500	Provost	18	56,015
5	26,500	Raymond	15	266,760
38	35,975	Redcliffe	65	242,225
6	36,975	Redwater	33	90,930
11	8,025	Rimbey	23	229,725
25	43,179	Rocky Mtn. House	26	323,895

1952			1953	
No.	Amount $		No.	Amount $
7	64,500	St. Albert	35	81,950
25	95,725	St. Paul	65	320,300
17	42,700	Sedgewick	16	97,000
4	13,200	Smoky Lake	9	61,200
4	18,500	Spirit River	12	75,200
2	12,500	Stavely	2	8,860
107	392,050	Stettler	130	1,174,305
21	133,000	Stony Plain	29	176,200
10	53,500	Strathmore	7	71,500
12	24,000	Sylvan Lake	29	41,750
75	418,700	Taber	96	1,201,790
22	45,096	Three Hills	45	163,795
4	20,900	Toffield	13	89,200
10	16,500	Trochu	Nil.	Nil.
55	320,095	Vegreville	80	780,195
50	274,994	Vermilion	45	184,225
35	123,565	Viking	50	141,625
38	117,350	Vulcan	61	501,770
127	407,075	Wainwright	112	339,830
16	133,950	Westlock	5	105,333

SUMMARY

1952			1953	
No.	Amount $		No.	Amount $
12,978	100,106,624	CITIES	13,832	113,832,766
3,420	13,171,780	OTHER MUNICIPALITIES	4,165	21,757,647
16,398	113,278,404	TOTAL	17,997	135,590,413

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952

	1952 (12 Mos.)	1953 (12 Mos.)	INCREASE	DECREASE	PERCENTAGE INC.%	PERCENTAGE DEC.%
Banff	591,036	663,660	72,624		12.29	
Elk Island	131,701	175,323	43,622		33.12	
Jasper	109,467	132,702	23,235		21.23	
Waterton Lakes	195,562	206,587	11,025		5.64	
TOTAL	1,027,766	1,178,272	150,506		14.64	

(1) AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952

	1952 (12 Mos.)	1953 (12 Mos.)	INCREASE	DECREASE	PERCENTAGE INC.%	PERCENTAGE DEC.%
Aden	335	358	23		6.87	
Carway	13,070	15,802	2,732		20.90	
Chief Mountain	12,161	11,289		872		7.17
Coutts	34,353	38,153	3,800		11.06	
Del Bonita	2,100	1,409		651		32.90
Wild Horse	571	693	122	—	21.37	—
TOTAL	62,590	67,704	5,114	—	8.17	

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(1) Source: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics

DETAILS OF ALBERTA REFINERIES' PRODUCTION

NOVEMBER - 1953

FIRMS DESIGNATED AS:	GASOLINE GALS.	DIESEL FUEL GALS.	KEROSENE GALS.	OTHER FUEL GALS.	MISC. FUEL GALS.	TOTAL GALS.
A-	2,444,750	995,225	-	1,055,565	410,060	4,905,600
AA-	4,069,590	1,678,180	805☆	126,665	72,660	5,946,290
B-	279,020	-	-	-	-	279,020
BB-	27,284	87,790	90,402	603,575	35,000	844,051
C-	1,070,824	578,575	68,542☆	53,698	-	1,634,555
E-	-	-	-	50,831	-	50,831
G-	210,837	264,350	-	6,755,809	-	7,230,996
H-	4,513,255	633,804	98	928,143	-	6,075,300
J-	16,710,252	3,434,120	486,213	3,556,768	-	24,187,353
K-	-	-	-	2,760	-	2,760
L-	1,263,255	-	-	-	-	1,263,255
M-	8,260	39,620	15,645	290,010	-	353,535
N-	4,745,160	431,795	700☆	1,291,010	295,085	6,762,350
N-	103	-	-	131,859	-	131,962
TOTAL	35,342,590	8,143,459	522,311	14,846,693	812,805	59,667,858

☆ Adjustment - Deduct.

WHOLESALE TRADE - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952

	1 9 5 2 (12 Mos.)	1 9 5 3 (12 Mos.)	INCREASE $	DECREASE $	INCREASE %	DECREASE %
T O T A L - WHOLESALE TRADE	$ 539,677,517	$ 575,244,437	35,566,920		6.59	
Automotive Accessories, Equipment and Supplies	90,521,558	98,582,570	8,061,012		8.91	
Drugs	8,395,396	8,862,213	466,817		5.56	
Dry Goods	31,846,679	32,588,109	741,430		2.33	
Electrical Appliances & Radios	45,930,425	49,991,168	4,060,743		8.84	
Furniture	3,878,038	4,390,451	512,413		13.21	
Groceries (including Fruits and Vegetables)	163,681,620	173,670,355	9,988,735		6.10	
Hardware	70,042,693	72,332,852	2,290,159		3.27	
Lumber and Building Supplies	44,239,847	49,334,730	5,094,883		11.52	
Paints and Varnishes	6,865,920	7,562,206	696,286		10.14	
Paper	9,745,204	9,966,157	220,953		2.27	
Tobacco	17,586,959	18,064,346	477,387		2.71	
Miscellaneous	46,943,178	49,899,280	2,956,102		6.30	

RETAIL TRADE - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952

	1951 (12 Mos.)	1952 (12 Mos.)	1952 (11 Mos.)	1953 (11 Mos.)	PERCENTAGE (11 MOS.)	
					INC.%	DEC.%
	$	$	$	$		
TOTAL - RETAIL TRADE	854,785,000	944,123,000	850,352,000	882,109,000	3.73	
Grocery and Combination Stores	103,129,000	113,824,000	103,054,000	107,482,000	4.30	
Meat Stores	16,496,000	14,612,000	13,202,000	13,112,000		.68
Country General Stores	59,437,000	61,949,000	55,631,000	55,536,000		.17
Department Stores	86,414,000	96,319,000	83,108,000	88,985,000	7.07	
Variety Store	9,914,000	11,433,000	9,167,000	10,053,000	9.67	
Motor Vehicle Dealers	199,274,000	219,791,000	201,228,000	197,624,000		1.79
Garage and Filling Stations	41,322,000	50,186,000	46,206,000	52,009,000	12.56	
Men's Clothing Stores	13,401,000	16,037,000	13,526,000	13,523,000		.02
Family Clothing Stores	13,778,000	11,809,000	10,225,000	10,767,000	5.30	
Women's Clothing Stores	12,226,000	15,529,000	13,509,000	15,801,000	16.97	
Shoe Stores	4,458,000	5,319,000	4,774,000	5,027,000	5.30	
Hardware Stores	25,035,000	27,889,000	24,548,000	26,037,000	6.07	
Lumber & Building Material Dealers	47,316,000	51,838,000	47,923,000	53,225,000	11.06	
Furniture Stores	8,822,000	11,042,000	9,864,000	9,864,000	-	-
Appliances and Radio Stores	12,395,000	17,051,000	15,070,000	(b)	-	-
Restaurants	37,569,000	40,760,000	37,471,000	36,233,000		3.30
Coal and Wood Dealers	1,104,000	702,000	622,000	(b)	-	-
Drug Stores	17,610,000	19,544,000	17,108,000	17,901,000	4.64	
Jewellery Stores	6,956,000	7,679,000	5,839,000	(b)	-	-
Tobacco Stores	1,905,000	2,088,000	1,834,000	(b)	-	-
All Other Trades	136,224,000	148,722,000	136,443,000	143,708,000	5.32	

(a) Any slight differences between totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures and to figures being withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(b) Not Available.

(c) Source: Retail Trade Vol. XXV. No. 11, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

PREVIOUS - CALENDAR - YEAR - STATISTICS

			1951 (12 Months)	1952 (12 Months)	INCREASE	DECREASE	PERCENTAGE	
							INC.%	DEC.%
AGRICULTURE:								
Agricultural	- Production	Gross Value $.	762,049,000	804,511,000	42,462,000		5.57	
Wheat	- Production	Bush.	152,000,000	172,000,000	20,000,000		13.16	
		Value $.	229,520,000	266,600,000	37,080,000		16.16	
Other Grains	- Production	Bush.	249,074,000	259,700,000	10,626,000		4.27	
		Value $.	221,275,000	239,798,000	18,523,000		8.37	
Forage Crop Seed etc.	- Production	Value $.	4,859,000	6,013,000	1,154,000		23.75	
Potatoes	- Production	Bush.	2,354,000	3,256,000	902,000		38.32	
		Value $.	4,049,000	4,884,000	835,000		20.62	
Sugar Beets	- Production	Tons.	349,194	480,000	130,806		37.46	
		Value $.	5,007,000	7,200,000	2,193,000		43.80	
Fodder-Crops	- Production	Tons.	2,166,400	2,275,700	109,300		5.05	
		Value $.	38,357,000	35,149,000		3,208,000		8.36
Wool	- Production	Lbs.	1,612,000	1,908,000	296,000		18.36	
		Value $.	1,080,000	687,000		393,000		36.39
Honey & Wax	- Production	Lbs.	4,500,000	4,900,000	400,000		8.89	
		Value $.	569,000	618,000	49,000		8.61	
Animals Slaughtered and Sold		No.	2,014,668	2,651,288	636,620		31.60	
		Value $.	178,674,000	169,930,000		8,744,000		4.89
Dairy Products	-	Value $.	47,308,000	45,655,000		1,653,000		3.49
Poultry Products	-	Value $.	28,525,000	25,141,000		3,384,000		11.86
Fur Farming	-	Value $.	2,826,000	2,836,000	10,000		.35	
NATURAL RESOURCES:								
Mineral	- Production	Total Value $.	168,144,211	197,333,166	29,188,955		17.36	
Forestry	- Production	Total Value $.	18,054,000	19,700,000	1,646,000		9.12	
Fisheries	- Production	Total Value $.	862,327	942,888	80,561		9.34	
Fur (Wild Life) (July 1 to June 30)	- Production	Total Value $.	2,530,978	1,765,849		765,129		30.23
TRADE AND INDUSTRY - GENERAL:								
Wholesale Trade	-	Gross Sales $.	490,000,000	550,000,000	60,000,000		12.24	
Retail Trade	-	Gross Sales $.	854,785,000	944,123,000	89,338,000		10.45	
Manufactures	-	Total Value $.	458,281,384	489,000,000	30,718,616		6.70	
Construction	- Contracts Awarded	No.	5,019	6,166	1,147		22.85	
		Total Value $.	183,075,100	232,332,800	49,257,700		26.91	
Building Permits	- (7 Cities)	No.	9,867	13,014	3,147		31.89	
		Total Value $.	66,437,396	100,085,129	33,647,733		50.65	
Defence Contracts Awarded		No.	170	114		56		32.94
		Total Value $.	13,318,538	27,014,090	13,695,552		102.83	

LABOUR REVIEW

Alberta Summary for Period Ending 1st December, 1953.

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 53, No. 12, December, 1953)

Further decline in industrial activity during November resulted in considerable increase in the number of idle workers. It is evident that employment expansion in manufacturing and other industries this fall has not been sufficient to absorb the additions to the labour force during the year. Although full-time employment continued to exceed last year's level the number of areas with surplus labour supplies was almost double the number last year. The rate of employment expansion was lower in all regions with the possible exception of the prairie provinces.

Farm operations came to a virtual standstill in the prairie region during November and non-agricultural activity declined somewhat more rapidly than last fall. October retail sales were 4% higher in the region than a year earlier and this trend continued in the larger centres during November. In some country districts however the volume of sales was appreciably lower than last year because of the smaller demand for clothing, household appliances, automobiles and farm machinery.

Seasonal lay-offs in construction continued but construction employment remained higher than the year earlier in all three provinces and the value of new construction permits issued this fall was substantially greater. Little significant change occurred in manufacturing. Production and employment in meat packing, flour mills, paper mills and sugar factories exceeded the levels of a year ago.

The more rapid seasonal decline in employment this year was accompanied by a considerable increase in the number of persons seeking work which resulted in part from a larger movement of workers from rural areas to urban centres.

Calgary came into the moderate labour surplus category about a month earlier than last year. The unusually mild weather delayed the seasonal down-turn in construction and outdoor work on the prairies. Much of the increase in the labour supply was attributable to the slow movement of grain which caused a large number of workers from farm districts to seek urban jobs for the winter. Labour supply also eased in Edmonton but not sufficiently to justify reclassification to the balanced labour market category.

Labour demand in all agricultural and minor areas eased substantially during the month. The seasonal release of workers from road and railway maintenance and construction operations as well as the large inflow of farm workers seeking employment for the winter contributed to the increased labour supply.

Employment and Payrolls

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc. are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers' contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situations as at 1st of November, 1953, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

EMPLOYEES, PAYROLLS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA, BY INDUSTRIES

At NOVEMBER 1, 1953, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1952

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Nov. 1 1952	Nov. 1 1953	Nov. 1 1952	Nov. 1 1953	Nov. 1 1953
			$	$	
Mining	123.9	118.8	73.21	77.38	18,368
Coal	79.7	69.5	67.29	67.47	5,610
Oil and Natural Gas Wells	192.7	186.8	76.08	81.48	11,429
Manufacturing	128.3	128.6	56.51	60.14	25,854
Food and Beverages	126.0	121.7	55.65	58.95	8,939
Meat Products	124.7	119.6	61.45	65.10	3,799
Wood Products	110.8	100.8	47.77	49.47	2,653
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	99.9	102.6	54.55	58.29	1,162
Iron and Steel Products	157.4	150.0	63.08	67.73	2,729
Transportation Equipment	158.6	160.2	55.46	59.87	4,715
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	113.8	116.2	52.86	56.95	1,800
Products of Petroleum and Coal	123.4	131.5	82.20	81.55	1,260
Construction	199.8	197.7	61.06	65.92	21,388
Buildings and Structures (k)	245.7	212.9	65.38	71.71	12,725
Highways, Bridges and Streets	145.5	179.0	54.29	57.42	8,663
Transportation, Storage, Communication	117.1	119.7	58.35	62.75	24,870
Steam Railways	108.9	110.8	60.85	66.68	14,813
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	132.8	136.6	59.48	62.87	3,489
Storage	119.3	115.4	50.41	52.27	2,664
Trade	122.9	128.4	47.60	49.83	25,287
Wholesale	125.6	127.8	52.14	54.80	8,909
Retail	121.7	128.7	44.99	47.13	16,378
Service	100.2	119.5	36.78	38.88	6,530
Hotels and Restaurants	91.6	111.4	36.38	38.73	4,348
Industrial Composite	128.3	132.1	57.02	60.38	131,665

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.
(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.
(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; services incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, November, 1953
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS (Continued)

Employment, Payrolls and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON by Industries at NOVEMBER 1, 1953, as Compared with Corresponding date in 1952.

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Nov. 1 1952	Nov. 1 1953	Nov. 1 1952 $	Nov. 1 1953 $	Nov. 1 1953
CALGARY					
Manufacturing	124.0	123.2	59.05	63.07	9,279
Foods and Beverages	118.6	113.4	58.45	61.71	2,846
Transportation Equipment	150.1	153.3	54.94	60.26	2,803
Construction	196.0	188.0	58.22	60.95	3,893
Wholesale Trade	119.2	122.5	52.17	55.15	3,826
Retail Trade	117.8	126.5	46.74	48.63	6,314
Industrial Composite	126.6	133.8	53.84	57.11	32,681
EDMONTON					
Manufacturing	139.8	142.3	57.29	61.06	10,519
Foods and Beverages	126.9	122.8	56.64	60.16	3,723
Meat Products	128.7	124.5	59.51	62.96	2,549
Construction	197.3	198.0	68.74	72.90	7,899
Wholesale Trade	135.3	141.8	50.93	54.64	3,869
Retail Trade	125.5	131.6	44.21	46.80	7,260
Industrial Composite	144.4	149.5	55.03	58.24	37.762

SOURCE: Employment and Payrolls, November, 1953

Prepared in the

Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

AT NOVEMBER 1, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING DATE IN 1952.

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Nov.1 1952	Nov.1 1953	Nov.1 1952 ¢	Nov.1 1953 ¢	Nov.1 1952 $	Nov.1 1953 $	Nov.1 1953
Coal Mining - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	36.4	36.0	181.0	184.0	65.88	66.24	4,848
Oil and Natural Gas Production - - - - - -	43.7	44.6	162.5	168.6	71.01	75.20	4,503
Manufacturing - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	40.9	40.9	133.0	142.4	54.40	58.24	18,695
Foods and Beverages - - - - - - - - - - - - -	40.3	40.9	130.6	137.9	52.63	56.40	6,399
Meat Products - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	38.3	38.9	150.3	157.3	57.56	61.19	2,746
Transportation Equipment - - - - - - - - - -	39.2	39.2	136.3	152.5	53.43	59.78	3,754
Buildings and Structures (h) - - - - - - - -	40.2	41.1	162.2	172.8	65.20	71.02	10,282
Electric and Motor Transportation (i) - - -	42.0	40.0	135.1	147.2	56.74	58.88	2,134
Service (j) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	42.0	41.4	85.4	90.1	35.87	37.30	3,182

Source: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, November 1, 1953.

Prepared in the

Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

(h) Buildings and Structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; laundries; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.